

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace lines 15 through 19 of page 3 of the specification with the following paragraphs:

FIG. 3 is a perspective view of a container assembly in accordance with a second embodiment of the present invention, illustrating the membrane of the overcap being removed to expose the product within the storage compartment; and

FIG. 4 is a schematic, cross-sectional view of the container assembly of **FIG. 3**, showing the product stored within the storage compartment; and

FIG. 5 is an enlarged schematic, cross-sectional view of a storage compartment of a container assembly in accordance with a third embodiment of the present invention, illustrating a desiccant provided in the storage compartment.

Please replace the final paragraph of page 7, which is continued on page 8, of the specification with the following paragraph:

The storage compartment **26** and **126** of **FIGS. 2** and **4**, respectively, is a frustoconical chamber that includes a flat top surface. This domed portion of the top wall **24** and **124** defines the storage compartment **26** and **126**, respectively. Further embodiments of the present invention include storage compartments of any shape, a non-limiting example being hemispherical. In addition, as illustrated in **FIG. 5**, the storage compartment **26** and **126** **226** of an additional embodiment also include a desiccant **227** to absorb moisture so that the product, which is preferably a powder, is exposed to a minimal amount of moisture. The desiccant **227** of **FIG. 5** is ~~can be~~ joined to the inside surface of the storage compartment **26** and **126** **226** or the desiccant can be incorporated as a layer of the membrane **30** and **130** in further embodiments of the present invention. Non-limiting examples of desiccant material include sodium phosphate di-basic, calcium oxide, sucrose, gelatin, bentonite clay, and silica gel.